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It would appear that Dr Blunt is taking up this matter but as the incident occurred on municipal roads I suggest that it should be brought to the notice of the Council by the Police so that an official protest can be lodged with the Senior Consul.

The molestation was not serious but it shows an anti foreign attitude which may develop if these soldiers are not warned officially.

I will also get in touch with the proper military authorities if you wish & ask them to take up the matter.

L. C. Ness
D.C. (C.I.B.)

D.C. I do not think it is necessary. [illegible]

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(Foreign Section)

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April 22, 1930.

Sir,

With reference to attached newspaper article, I interviewed Mrs. Biggs, British, teacher in the Girls School Yu Yuen Road and residing at No. 268A Yu Yuen Road. Mrs. Biggs informed me that on Sunday, April 6th, she had a visit from a friend, Miss J. Carnaghan, Senior Supervisor in the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Coy and residing at No. 29 Macgregor Road.

After tiffin the two ladies decided to go for a walk and set out in the Keswick Road direction. About 3 p.m. they were passing along that road when they encountered about 20 Chinese soldiers. Some were swinging their belts and laughing and passing rude remarks about foreign women. On passing there Mrs. Biggs received a slight tip from a belt. The blow did not hurt but the soldiers seemed to think it great fun. Several stones were also thrown after them but fortunately they were not struck.

A little while later Mrs. Biggs and Miss Carnaghan passed another group of soldiers on Lincoln Avenue near the junction of the new Chinese road. They were there again subjected to abusive language and several stones thrown but neither were struck.

Nothing further happened on the way home.

Mr. Blunt, H.B.M. Consul has interviewed Mrs. Biggs on the subject.

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D. C.
(C. & S. Branches)

D.C. (C.&S. Branches), This incident seems whether been of a very trivial nature. Information. 24/4/30

Urgent

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 17 : 4 : 1930

To Foreign Section,

It is said that one of the Foreign ladies who was interfered with is a Mrs Biggs.

Please interview her, and ascertain what happened exactly.

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THE DANGER OF THE OUTSIDE ROADS

Better to Keep off Them Because of the Unruly Soldiery: Unpleasant Incidents

A short time ago a warning was issued to the citizens of the International Settlement to stay out of Chinese territory after dark so that they would not be annoyed by robbers or possible kidnappers. It appears, from recent complaints, that foreign citizens will not only have to stay in their own territory after dark but also during the day and that they may not even travel on extra-settlement municipal roads. Chinese soldiers are forbidden to go armed along the Municipal Roads but there is nothing to prevent them from going across the boundaries for personal business or pleasure when they are not on duty. They are particularly numerous along the Soochow creek roads, strolling about in groups of ten or twelve. And foreigners who stroll too near the Red Joss House on Keswick Road, or the new Chinese road near Lincoln Avenue are very apt to be subject to the insolence and insults of the Chinese soldiers. The Municipal Police Force is trying to control these soldiers while they are on duty and to keep them off of foreign roads but the casual passer-by is often an object for their stone-throwing and intimidating.

[illegible] Ladies Struck

Last [illegible] two English ladies were walking on Keswick Road, on the [illegible] side of the railroad [illegible] were intercepted by a [illegible] who were [illegible] two of them had [illegible] and as the [illegible] one of them was [illegible] with a [illegible]. The soldiers [illegible] the two and [illegible] stones at them. Tiring of this sport they [illegible] a [illegible] coolies [illegible] market and [illegible] the dirty water [illegible] which is the [illegible] of many small Chinese children [illegible] the object of their [illegible]

At the intersection of the new Chinese road with the Lincoln Avenue the two women passed a group of soldiers on the Chinese side of the road. Although the two were on foreign road the Chinese, who were on guard, threw mud and sticks at them from their own side.

It has been no uncommon procedure during the last two or three years for the Chinese police to be on patrol on the outlying Municipal roads. No official announcement has been made to the effect that the Council is taking steps to prevent Chinese patrol on Municipal roads or Chinese soldiery over the boundaries on the Settlement side. When the Chinese police first began this patrolling they were limited to the area along Brennan piece. Later on they went to Hungjao and Rubicon roads. Evidently the police do not believe it worth while to patrol Monument Road or Pearce Road which are still further beyond the Rubicon. Six or seven police officer's headquarters have been built along some of the outlying Municipal roads. They have even taken posts in the general vicinity of Jessfield Road. Last Sunday there were four armed soldiers with rifles and bandoliers walking up and down Pearce Road.

Several weeks ago a foreign Omnibus Co. inspector became entangled in an argument with several Chinese police over the matter of proper fare. Although the police were formidable the inspector escaped without injury due to the fact that the Chinese passengers in the bus took the side of the inspector.

Shanghai residents will remember the murder of Mr. Mackenzie on Keswick Road several years ago, and still more recently the attempted murder of Miss Duncan on the same road. Miss Thompson was murdered and Mr. Law was wounded near the Red Joss House less than two years ago.